

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elder's Commission
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2016**

Meeting called at 5:04 p.m. by Richard Wemigwase, Chairman;

Roll Call Commission: Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner.

Absent: None

Elder Department Staff: Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director

Guest:

Commission reviewed of the Agenda.

Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; to approve the agenda as amended; Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commission reviewed the Minutes of January 3, 2015.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2016 as corrected; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Elder Director Report – Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director

• General Fund

- Most of the back applications for dental have been processed.
- There have been some that have been denied because their 12 month period is not up and they've utilized their funds for the year.
- Food and Utility applications are having a turnaround time of about one week at this time.
- To date we've processed about \$15,000.
- Applications should be in next month's newsletter but we have passed them out at elders' luncheon, let some at the clinic, and mailed out others who have called. They are also available on the website. Some elders have old applications and they just cross out 2015 and put 2016.

• Falls Grant

- The numbers are still low but there is a small group that meets consistently twice weekly at the health park. There are elders at the Harbor Reservation that have expressed an interest in a group at the

- 1 community center but the weather has interfered with getting that
2 group started.
- 3 ○ All but two of the Yak Traks have been distributed. I've gotten good
4 feedback on the utility of the product. One stated she is not afraid of
5 falling now and is going to buy a pair for her son.
 - 6 ○ We will present and recruit at the Casino Health Fair and the Connect
7 Project We are mailing the brochure to elders in the 3 county area.
8 We will be presenting the walking sticks to those completing 6 weeks
9 at the elders' luncheon next week. A budget revision and work plan
10 has been sent to the grantors.
- 11 • Title 1V A
 - 12 ○ New funding cycle will start in April and funds have been expended.
13 There probably will be about \$5,000 spent out of the General Fund
14 to cover the cost of luncheons before the new funding cycle. Maybe
15 the Department can do a small budget modification to spend all the
16 money in the line items and the luncheon cost would be less.
 - 17 • Title 1V C
 - 18 ○ Grant meeting on Friday for budget. Tammy has set meeting with
19 Menomomee for Medicaid Waiver Reimbursement at the end of
20 March. We have two tribal members set for respite assistance.

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22 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Elder**
23 **Program Directors verbal and written report as presented by Arlene**
24 **Naganashe, Elder Department Director; Debra Smithkey-Browne,**
25 **Secretary; supports.**

26 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

27 **Motion Carried**

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29 5:50 p.m. Arlene Naganashe departs meeting.

30 **Budget Report**

- 31 • MIEA (MI Indian Elder Association) meeting to be held 3 times a year the
32 April, July and August are the meeting months.
 - 33 ○ LTBB Elder Association funds are given to the Elder Department for
34 the travel, lodging, registration and per diem.
 - 35 ○ LTBB Elder Association elects 2 delegates and 1 alternate (in case
36 one of the delegates cannot attend)
 - 37 ○ LTBB Elder Association meets quarterly

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40 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Budget**
41 **Report as presented by Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; Debra**
42 **Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.**

43 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

44 **Motion Carried**

45 **Commissioner Report – Commissioners**

- 46 • Food and Utility tier program is not favorable.

- Dental Clinic first time experience in February 2016 – and could not get a appointment until May for filling.
- Surface Pro tablet has not been picked up by Janice yet, she was not aware that it was ready.

Motion for commission report

Public Comment open at 6:28 p.m.

Public Comment closed at 6:29 p.m.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Commissioners Report as presented by the commissioners; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the 2015 Elder Commission 4th Quarter Report.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Elder Commission 2015 4th Quarterly Report as presented, Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the letter to tribal council – elder utility/food reimbursement – tabled until further notice.

Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; to table the Elder Utility/Food Reimbursement Letter until further notice; Janice Shackleford, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Water Drive on April 16, 2016.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve Commissioners attendance for the Water Drive to be held on April 16, 2016; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion and update was held presented with to the commission by Janice Shackleford. Submitters need to complete a release form when submitting recipes, the release form will be presented at a later meeting once Janice has talked with legal.

Public Comment opened at 7:28 p.m.

Public Comment Closed at 7:29 p.m.

1 **Motion made by Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; to adjourn the**
2 **meeting at 7:30 p.m.; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; supports.**
3 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**
4 **Motion Carried**

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6 Next scheduled meeting will be held on April 6, 2016
7 Approved:

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Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary Date